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Minutes 02/13/2012

Arlington Cultural Council

Minutes of Monday, February 13, 2012 Meeting

Robbins Library, 4th Floor Conference Room, Arlington, MA

Present: Margo Barrett, Karin Blum, Eliza Burden, Kurt Fusaris, Becky Holmes-Farley, Stephanie Marlin-Curiel and Scott Samenfeld.

Visitors: Wendy Glaas, Danielle Tober, Hilary Rappaport, Martha Sheehan, Shari Craig

Absent: Sharon Shaloo

Stephanie called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Council members exchanged introductions with the visitors:

ITEM 1 January 9, 2012 Minutes were reviewed and APPROVED.

ITEM 2 RFPs

There were no new RFPs this month according to Eliza. However, the following are still awaiting reimbursement:

- Gina Sonders' RFP for 2011-03
- Sharie Craig RFP for 2011-08
- Tuba City's RFP for 2011-06

Discussion was had about the fact that there has been turnover in the Controller's office, which may account for the delay in payments.

ITEM 3 Report on Outstanding 2011 Grants

- Grant 2011-16, Peirce School- Nothing has been heard from them and it was proposed, voted and unanimously approved that they should be given a firm deadline of March 30th, for submission, to be communicated by Sharon, and the funds will be rescinded on that date if no submission has been made.
- Stephanie reported that Sharon contacted Sheri Donovan at the Thompson School to request that they submit their RFP for 2010-18, but she failed to receive a response. Ms. Donovan is principal at Stratton while the Thompson is being rebuilt and so paperwork may be a problem as she is juggling being the principal at two schools. At issue is a PASS grant for \$750, according to Eliza. A VOTE was taken to rescind the monies and it passed.
- Grant 2011-09 Dallin Museum and Arlington Historical Society requested an extension for preparation of their booklet on the Cultural Revolution. The Council unanimously voted to extend the deadline for completion of their project to 6/2012
- Margaret reported that Aine Minogue, 2011-13, will perform Celtic Lullabies on February 22nd at the Robbins Library Community Room at 7:00 p.m. Eliza said she had also advertised the performance on Facebook and on the Arlington Artists Group.

ITEM 4 Report on LCC Statewide Assembly

Karin Attended. She said there was a great panel and that it was encouraging to hear the view that Science and

Technology are viewed as being enriched by the Arts.

Karin did not meet with Jay Kaufmann directly, but she met with Tim Miley, Director of Policy and Legislation and Paola Maynard-Moll, Legislative Aide - who suggested that they would welcome Art for Representative Kaufman's office. Sean Garballey was present for the presentations, but she did not have an opportunity to meet with him. She did speak with members of the Weston Cultural Council and they were intrigued that we had assigned roles for people. Networking was encouraged among LCCs. She observed that the make-up of the LCCs was primarily women.

ITEM 5 Grantee Reception Planning (discussed in conjunction with ITEM 8 2012/Summit below)

ITEM 6 Grant Cycle Business - The initial Liaison Letters have been sent out. Some members expressed the fact that they had not received confirmation that their assigned awardees had received their communication. Everyone agreed that we need to get a firm date for a grantee reception so that we can inform the awardees about and they can place it on their calendars.

ITEM 7 Publicity/Website

Scott has put the Arlington Cultural Council on Facebook. He explained that we needed a few more "likes" to be able to get our own URL (domain) which would permit a public search to reach our page. You need 25 "likes" and we were at 20 at the time of the meeting. While sitting there, a few additional "likes" were added. Eliza explained that we would like to reach out more through social media. Wendy(visitor) asked if we Tweet. There was also discussion about getting more people to join the Arlington Artists' Group.

Shari Craig left at 8:14 p.m.

ITEM 8 2012 Summit and Item 5 (Grantee Reception Planning)

Margaret reported that we have usually held this on a Monday in April at 5:30 or 6 to be able to make it convenient for the Selectmen to attend. She has spoken with Patsy Kraemer and the Town Hall would be available for our use on 4/2.

Discussion ensued about how to possibly coordinate this with Summit and whether it was preferable to have a Monday evening (to increase likelihood of Selectmen attendance) or whether it would be better to select a weekend afternoon to increase other community involvement. Stephanie suggested we might have a summit in the afternoon and then in the evening have the grantee reception. Discussion was had about whether having a performing group might increase the number of attendees.

Stephanie suggested calling the event "Arlington Alive" harkening back to a former title of ACC.

Guest, Wendy Glaas, suggested that we might consider doing something like an interactive Meet the Artists event as that might be a good way to get people engaged, but she acknowledged that there might not be time to plan that at this late date and it might be better as an idea for the future. Stephanie indicated that the suggested activity is actually similar to what we do at present.

Various locales for holding the event were suggested and discussed: ACA, Robbins Community Room, H.S. Gym and Whittemore Robbins. There was concern, among some, that the Council might do better to keep its identity separate from other organizations while others felt that having an event somewhere such as ACA might increase the likelihood of a larger turnout of artists.

Scott, Margaret, Eliza and Karin (time dependent) agreed to be on a planning subcommittee. Margaret will check on Whittemore Robbins House availability for 5/5 and backup 4/23.

ITEM 9 New Business

The visitors were excused from the room.

Voting on Prospective New Member, Wendy Glaas took place . Scott moved to approve the appointment of Wendy Glaas to the ACC. Karin seconded the motion and a unanimous vote in favor followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Holmes-Farley, Recording Secretary

Reserved rooms for the following upcoming meetings:

Mon., March 12, ACC Meeting, 4th Floor Conference Room, Robbins Library, 7:30 p.m.

Mon., April 9, ACC Meeting, 4th Floor Conference Room, Robbins Library, 7:30 p.m.